

REMARKS

In the Office Action dated December 11, 2008, new claims 21-26 are pending in the application. Claims 1-20 have been canceled as being narrower than the broad inventive concept disclosed by this application. New claims 21-26 are added. No new matter is introduced in the new claims. Without limiting the foregoing, Claim 12 is also cancelled in accordance with the Examiner's restriction in the Dec. 11, 2008 restriction. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims is respectfully requested.

Rejection under 35 USC § 103

Claims 1-3, 5-7, 11-16, and 18-20 were rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Norcott* (US Patent No. 6,775,518) and further in view of *Ahmad* (US Patent No. 5,565,908) and *Fish* (US Publication No. 2005/0078934). None of the cited references, either alone or in combination, disclose, teach or suggest the combination of elements recited by any of Claims 21 through 26.

For example, none of the cited references teach the recited elements of Claim 21 such as the use of "a controller in communication with the first and second decoders and operable to select the first audio-visual file, the selection of the first audio-visual file being made in response to the controller communicating with the first decoder using an infrared signal, the controller being further operable to select a second audio-visual file, the selection of the second audio-visual file being made in response to the controller communicating with the second decoder using an infrared signal."

Likewise, none of the cited references teach the limitations of Claim 26, which include the limitations of Claims 21, 24, and 25, from which Claim 26 depends.


Importantly, *Norcott*, the primary reference cited by the Examiner, suffers from one or more of the exact same problems as the prior art system discussed in the application, such as, for example, utilizing a local area data network to distribute media files through a facility, requiring the use of significant bandwidth on such a network.

CONCLUSION

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